

(b) APPOINTMENTS.—For purposes of carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary shall appoint administrative law judges selected in accordance with section 3105 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Administrative Procedure Act”).

#### TITLE VI—REPORT AND AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

##### SEC. 601. REPORT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the status of the implementation of this Act.

(b) CONTENTS.—The report shall—

(1) describe the status of conveyances to Alaska Natives, Native Corporations, and the State; and

(2) include recommendations for completing the conveyances required by this Act.

##### SEC. 602. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Rob Brown, a legislative fellow in my office, be granted the privileges of the floor during the consideration of S. 2845.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent, that Christopher Alexander, a fellow in Senator KENNEDY's office, be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of S. 2845.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 4596 AND H.R. 4606

Mr. FRIST. I understand that there are two bills at the desk and due for a second reading. I ask unanimous consent that the clerk read the titles of the bills for a second time, en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will read the bills by title, en bloc.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4596) to amend Public Law 97-435 to extend the authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to release certain conditions contained in a patent concerning certain land conveyed by the United States to Eastern Washington University until December 31, 2009.

A bill (H.R. 4606) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, and for other purposes.

Mr. FRIST. I would object to further proceedings, en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard. The bills will be placed on the calendar.

#### APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108-173, appoints the following individuals to the Commission on Systemic Interoperability: Vicky B. Gregg of Tennessee and Ivan G. Seidenberg of New York.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### NOMINATION OF ALAN GREENSPAN TO BE UNITED STATES ALTERNATE GOVERNOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Mr. FRIST. As in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nomination: Alan Greenspan, PN-1841. I further ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to its consideration, the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

#### INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### MAKING NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR VOLUNTEERS PERMANENT

#### PREVENTION OF CHILD ABDUCTION PARTNERSHIP ACT

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 2882 and S. 2883, en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bills by title, en bloc.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2882) to make a program for national criminal history background checks for volunteer groups permanent.

A bill (S. 2883) to amend the International Child Abduction Remedies Act to limit the tort liability of private entities or organizations that carry out responsibilities of the United States Central Authority under that Act.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consideration of the bills, en bloc.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the bills be read a third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table and any statements regarding this matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bills (S. 2882 and S. 2883) were read the third time and passed, as follows:

#### S. 2882

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. VOLUNTEER GROUP ACCESS TO CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS PROGRAM.

Section 108(a)(3)(A) of the PROTECT Act (Public Law 108-21) is amended by striking “an 18-month” and inserting “a”.

#### S. 2883

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Prevention of Child Abduction Partnership Act”.

#### SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.

Section 7 of the International Child Abduction Remedies Act (42 U.S.C. 11606) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(f) LIMITED LIABILITY OF PRIVATE ENTITIES ACTING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE UNITED STATES CENTRAL AUTHORITY.—

“(1) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.—Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), a private entity or organization that receives a grant from or enters into a contract or agreement with the United States Central Authority under subsection (e) of this section for purposes of assisting the United States Central Authority in carrying out its responsibilities and functions under the Convention and this Act, including any director, officer, employee, or agent of such entity or organization, shall not be liable in any civil action sounding in tort for damages directly related to the performance of such responsibilities and functions as defined by the regulations issued under subsection (c) of this section that are in effect on October 1, 2004.

“(2) EXCEPTION FOR INTENTIONAL, RECKLESS, OR OTHER MISCONDUCT.—The limitation on liability under paragraph (1) shall not apply in any action in which the plaintiff proves that the private entity, organization, officer, employee, or agent described in paragraph (1), as the case may be, engaged in intentional misconduct or acted, or failed to act, with actual malice, with reckless disregard to a substantial risk of causing injury without legal justification, or for a purpose unrelated to the performance of responsibilities or functions under this Act.

“(3) EXCEPTION FOR ORDINARY BUSINESS ACTIVITIES.—The limitation on liability under paragraph (1) shall not apply to any alleged act or omission related to an ordinary business activity, such as an activity involving general administration or operations, the use of motor vehicles, or personnel management.”.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to commend my colleagues for passing by unanimous consent two bills which I sponsored—a bill to extend the pilot program for national criminal history background checks for volunteers who work with children, and the Prevention of Child Abduction Partnership Act.